

Memo

Date: February 1, 2019

To: Honorable Sally Bagshaw, Chair, Finance and Neighborhoods Committee
Honorable Lorena González, Vice Chair, Finance and Neighborhoods Committee
Honorable Bruce Harrell, Finance and Neighborhoods Committee
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Cc: Anthony Auriemma, Legislative Director, Mayor's Office

Subject: Mutually Offsetting Benefit Leases SLI 12-3-A-1-2019 Status Update

Over the last year, an interdepartmental team (IDT) consisting of the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods (DON), the Office of Economic Development (OED), the Office of Planning and Development (OPCD) and Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) have been in close conversations with community-based non-profits and organizations to determine organizational readiness for property ownership transfer of Mutually Offsetting Benefit (MOBs) buildings. There are six Mutually Offsetting Benefit ("MOB") facilities, including the Central Area Senior Center (CASC), Byrd Barr Place, Greenwood Senior Center (operated by the Phinney Neighborhood Association), the South Park Information and Resource Center, the Southeast Health Clinic, and the Northwest Senior Center.

Through these discussions, the IDT is developing criteria to evaluate and determine organizational readiness for possible property ownership transfer to current MOB tenants. These criteria will include analysis of public benefit eligibility, development feasibility, operational sustainability, evidence of financial and technical capability, and community consultation. We believe that these draft criteria will be ready to transmit to City Council by March.

In addition to the above action, DON and OPCD are also engaged in a Racial Equity Toolkit (RET) regarding the South Park Neighborhood Center. This process includes building tenants, community members and community organizations with an interest in continued community stewardship and possible ownership models for the building.